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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON RABIN VISIT

1. SUMMARY: IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF RABIN VISIT TO US, PRESS PROVIDES ESSENTIALLY UPBEAT ACCOUNT OF SUCCESS IN AREA OF US ASSISTANCE, WHILE SHYING AWAY FROM FIRM CONCLUSIONS IN REALM OF REGIONAL POLITICS. MOST WRITERS TEND TO MAKE FAIRLY DISTINCT SEPARATION BETWEEN THE TWO. GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT WHILE RABIN ACHIEVED MOST OF HIS AIMS IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, AT LEAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, SOME DOUBT WILL EXIST REGARDING THE POSITION OF US ON THE FUTURE OF NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. YEDYOT (GUNEY) WRITES, IN TYPICAL FRONTPAGE COMMENTARY, THAT RABIN HAS PROBABLY RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON EVERYTHING HE COULD HAVE REASONABLY EXPECTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE RECEIVED MOST OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT HE ASKED FOR IN THE SHORT RUN. IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THINGS ARE LESS CLEAR. AND THAT'S BECAUSE IN THIS FIELD THE

PROBLEMS ARE NOT DEPENDENT ONLY ON ISRAEL AND US. HOWEVER, THE IMPRESSION IS THAT A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF, AND SUPPORT FOR, RABIN'S BASIC POSITION WAS GIVEN: NO FURTHER WITHDRAWAL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE. THERE IS ALSO AN UNDERSTANDING OF RABIN'S POSITION ON OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT FIRST. BUT THERE IS AT SAME TIME STRONG DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE AMERICANS FOR DIALOGUE WITH JORDAN.

3. HAARETZ (MARGALIT, WASHINGTON BASED) REPORTS THAT "AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF ARM SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL." MARAGLIT ADDS THAT IN THE POLITICAL FIELD "US AND ISRAEL AGREED THAT JERUSALEM WILL CONSIDER TALKS WITH JORDAN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR OR, IN 1975, IF IT BECOMES CLEAR BY THEN THAT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT STAGE OF TALKS WITH EGYPT IS SATISFACTORY." HAARETZ EDITORIAL EMPHASIZES THAT WHILE IN THE FIELD OF AID US ADMINISTRATION SHOWED GREAT WILLINGNESS TO HELP ISRAEL, IT IS CLEAR THAT ISRAEL AND US WILL NOT VIEW ALL ISSUES "EYE TO EYE." AND, THE EDITORIAL ADDS, " IT IS CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON DOES NOT SUPPORT THE MAXIMALIST CONCEPTIONS WHICH PART OF THE ISRAELI PUBLIC STILL ADHERE TO."

4. DAVAR (BARNEA, WASHINGTON) IN HIS HEADLINE STORY ALSO REPORTS WASHINGTON'S AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY TO ISRAEL SEVERAL IMPORTANT MILITARY HARDWARE ITEMS, AS WELL AS POSITION ATTRIBUTED TO US THAT TALKS SHOULD BE HELD WITH EGYPT FIRST. DAVAR EDITORIAL WRITES THAT VISIT UNDERLINED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US, "BUT FROM THESE FRIENDLY RELATIONS IT MUST NOT BE CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND COORDINATION... PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF US EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS INFLUENCE IN EGYPT AND IN OTHER ARAB STATES." DAVAR FINDS REMINDER OF THE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS IN THE FACT THAT NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AT END OF VISIT.

5. MAARIV (SEGEV, WASHINGTON) DRAWS CLEARER CONNECTION BETWEEN US ASSURANCE OF ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES. SEGEV WRITES THAT "SOMETIME AFTER THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER, OR MAYBE IN THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR, ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE DOLS 4.5 BILLION FOR THREE YEARS, UNCLASSIFIED

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STARTING JULY 1975." BUT, SEGEV ADDS, THIS WILL BE CONNECTED WITH "ISRAELI MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE." SEGEV ALSO MENTIONS

THE "GENERAL ASSUMPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT FROM NOW ON ANY MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL WILL DEPEND ON AN ADDITIONAL ISRAELI MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE." SEGEV ALSO ADDS THAT US INSISTS THAT SOME MOVEMENT MUST BE MADE ON THE JORDANIAN FRONT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. SEGEV

CLEARLY CONNECTS AID TO ISRAEL WITH ISRAELI READINESS FOR
CONCESSIONS. MAARIV EDITORIAL ALSO COMMENTS THAT ISRAEL'S
GREAT DEPENDENCE ON US CAN LIMIT POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.
"AMERICAN AID WILL BE A POLITICAL LEVER IN THE HANDS OF
THE ADMINISTRATION."
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